



Club election night. Nominations taken from the floor. Voting for new officers. Officers installed at the March meeting (Thursday March 18th after the hamfest). VE Testing at 6:00 PM. Refreshments. Door Prizes. Hope to see you there!

DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday February 3rd @ 7:00 PM
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
 Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

AARA Hamfest, Rayne, LA
 March 11th & 12th, 2011
<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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ilafle@bellsouth.net

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Secretary - Paul Scallan, SR K5VSH

Treasurer - Joy Breaux N5YCS

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Nick Romero - KE5MWX

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Just a Few Words

by Herman Campbell KN5GRK

Seems like the month of January has really moved by fast, I guess it seems that way as you get older. As a kid, we thought some things took forever to come about. January had some good things happen to me, I received the "Ham of The Year" award and was introduced to Dave Sumner K1ZZ, CEO of the ARRL, Mickey Cox K5MC, ARRL Delta Division Director, and Jim Coleman AI5B, ARRL Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator all at one time at the Hammond Hamfest. Quite an experience for me!

One other thing, I was nominated by the AARA Nominating Committee to run as Club President for 2011-2012. Hopefully some others will throw in their hats at the February General Meeting, I would like some competition from our membership. We have many capable of being President who have never held any office in the Club. Nominations will be taken from the floor then elections for all officers will take place. New officers will be installed at the March General Meeting (held after the AARA Hamfest). If by any chance, I am elected President, my motto will be the words of "Larry the Cable Guy", "GET'er DONE"!

I would like to bring up a subject that was brought to my attention by Ken Standard AD5XJ, who is involved with the SATERN (Salvation Army Team Emergency Radio Network). Ken had talked to Bill Feist II WB8BZH, Salvation Army Divisional Emergency Disaster Services of the ALM (Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi) located in Jackson, MS about getting together some of the Lafayette area amateur radio operators capable of mobile digital communications during and after disasters to handle communications. I told Ken, I would see if I could locate any volunteers and get back with him ASAP. So, if you are interested, just let me know. In May, FEMA will hold a Simulated Emergency Test (SET) based up a major earthquake along the New Madrid Fault. This is the #2 earthquake zone in the US, California being #1. This fault line involves most of the Central Mississippi Valley and from what I have heard at this time, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas will be involved in this SET.

See you at the February General Meeting!

Programming Notes

Archie Hill, W5AG, AARA VP

David Redfearn N4ELM will provide the program for the AARA meeting Thursday February 3. His topic will concern his experience operating QRP or low power at about 5 watts or less. Also officer elections will be held this meeting. Please refer to the minutes of the January meeting to see the slate of nominees. On January 21 I sent an email to the AARA mailing list concerning a mobile command post I saw as an auction item on Ebay. This auction did not result in any bids so the item may still be available. The command post was listed with a minimum bid of \$7.5K. I have received an email from Capt. Frank May of Albertville, AL, with some pictures that were used in the Ebay listing. I will forward these to Herman KN5GRK for posting on the AARA web-site. The unit is a 30 ft trailer with a pull-type hitch. It includes some antenna equipment and a radio room with 2 operating consoles. Perhaps this will stimulate further discussion on our field/ emergency capabilities.

January 2010 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

CLUB MEETING:

- The meeting was opened by the President Irma, KE5UPK.
- The opening prayer was by the PIO Herman, KN5GRK, with special emphasis given to Joy and Rick's Son, who is extremely ill.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- There were 25 members and 3 guests in attendance.

Minutes:

The December Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the January LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report:

The Financial Report was not read. Joy, N5YCS, and Rick, N5RLM, were absent. Copies of the January treasurer's report may be obtained by members from Joy Breau, N5YCS, at: n5ycs@w5ddl.org

Old Business:

Irma, KE5UPK, informed the Club, that Herman, KN5GRK, our PIO, had been named "Louisiana Ham of the Year". Everyone congratulated Herman on attaining this prestigious honor.

New Business:

The attending members gave out their Call Signs and names and any special happenings in their lives since the last meeting.

Archie also mentioned that the two slots for Directors will be filled by Glen, KF5FNP and Nick, KE5MWX. Furthermore, Archie stated that Galen, KF5BET, will be the new editor of the Newsletter, Roland, NA5Q, will be the Ham Fest Committee Chairman, and Glen, KF5FNP, (with help) will be the Field Day Committee Chairman.

Grant, KE5CNU, announced the most check-ins on the Monday night 2M net. They were:

First Place ---Herman, KN5GRK with 47 out of 52 Check-ins

Second Place ---Greg, K5LFT Tied with 45 out of 52 Check-ins

Second Place ---Calvin, K5JCT Tied with 45 out of 52 Check-ins.

Roland, NA5Q, gave a thorough accounting of all the preliminaries for the March Ham Fest. Primary items were that the 51st Ham Fest will be held on Friday, March 11th from 5-8 P.M. and on Saturday, March 12th from 8 A.M. until 2 P.M. at the Rayne, LA Civic Center and that the Lions Club of Rayne will be handling all of the Crawfish cooking and cooking items. He also mentioned that only three, instead of four, items will be raffled, since the First Prize will be an Icom 7200, valued at \$1,000.

Herman, KN5GRK, gave out Certificates of Appreciation from the AARA to the following for the past years service:

Irma, KE5UPK: President
 Archie, W5AG: Vice-President
 Paul, K5VSH: Secretary
 Joy, N5YCS: Treasurer
 Herman, KN5GRK: PIO and Newsletter Editor
 Roland, NA5Q: Web Master and Ham Fest Chairman
 John, W4JHC: Director
 Calvin, KD5JCT: Director
 Rick, KE5MWX: Director
 Joe, W5XJF: W5DDL Repeater Location
 Dick, W6MDI: Repeater Work

Door Prizes:

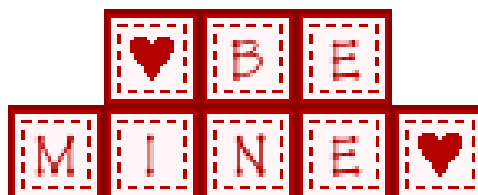
1. Larry, KE5KJD: LP SWR Bridge/FS Meter
2. Jim, N5NVP: Set of Ear-phones
3. John, W4JHC: An Almanac
4. Glen, KF5FNP: An ARRL Handbook

Guest Speaker:

There was no guest speaker for this meeting.

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul D. Scallan, Sr. K5VSH
 Lame Duck Secretary, AARA



Children's Museum of Acadiana Ham Classes

The Children's Museum of Acadiana (CMA) will start up classes for amateur radio Technician Class License starting on February 10, 2011 focused on Middle Class School students and parents.

The sessions will be over a eight week period with each session running about 1 1/2 hours in length. There will be lots of hands-on activities and those persons getting their license, a opportunity to purchase a hand-held radio for approximately \$35.00 will be available.

Interested parties should contact the Children's Museum of Acadiana for information and registration .

Children's Museum of Acadiana
 201 E. Congress
 Lafayette, LA 70501
 337-232-8500
<http://www.childrensmuseumofacadiana.com>

UL at Lafayette Balloon Launch

Another attempt to launch the-Crawsat III balloon will take place on February 5, 2011 at 0800 from Lake Charles. Touchdown will be in the Dawsonville area. More details will follow later.

<http://ulcape.org/>

Nick Pugh K5QXJ
 Office: 337-593-8700
 Cell: 337-258-2527

Check out the ARRL Louisiana Section Web Page at:
<http://www.laarrrl.org>



The 51st Acadiana Hamfest 2011 March 11 & 12, 2010

Coming soon - Mark your calendars!



The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association will sponsor its 51st Acadiana Hamfest at the Rayne Civic Center on March 11th & 12th, 2011. A Crawfish Boil and Fais-Do-Do will be held on Friday, March 12th, due to the tremendous success of this event in previous years. Get your order in by February 20th. Gumbo will be served for those folks not wanting crawfish. Roland Guidry NA5Q is again our Hamfest Chairperson & Webmaster. A flyer with a pre-registration form and schedule can be downloaded to be printed out & mailed in to save time and guarantee swap tables and RV availability. You can check out our website for more info and updates at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/hamfest/>

Come out and have a "eyeball contact" with those you meet on the radio. It is your attendance that makes a hamfest a success. We appreciate your support over the 50 years it has been in existence.

Schedule

Friday, March 11

0900 Dealer & Flea Market setup
1700 – 2000 Hamfest Opens to General Public
1800 Crawfish Boil - Gumbo
1900 Fais-Do-Do – Roland K5EUO and others will provide French music via Jam session – Bring your instrument – Enjoy Dancing

Saturday, March 12 (Forums)

0900-1000 AMSAT
1000-1100 Louisiana Contest Club
1100-1230 ARRL with Micky Cox, Delta Division Director and Gary Stratton, Louisiana Section Manager
1230-1300 Louisiana LCARC immediately following ARRL Forum

Saturday, March 12

0700 Dealer & Flea Market setup
0800 Hamfest re-opens to General Public
0830 Bingo
0830 DXCC, WAS and VUCC Card checking
0845 ARRL VE Testing – Bring copies of ID & CSCE / FCC License
1100 Fox Hunt if enough participants
1300 Grand prize drawings
1400 Hamfest closes

February 2011 Special Events & Contests

Feb 5	Punxsutawney Area Amateur Radio Club K3HWJ 14.240, 7.245, 147.390, 146.715 Commemorating Ground Hog Day.
Feb 5	Nacogdoches Amateur Radio Club 21.350, 14.250, 7.250 Space Shuttle Columbia Special Event Station
Feb 5-6	Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club NI8G 28.372, 21.372, 14.272, 7.272 Celebrating Tomas Edison's Birthday.
Feb 19-20	Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club 21.240, 14.240, 7.240 Commemorating the 66th anniversary of the battle of Iwo Jima and the flag raisings.
Feb 26 thru Mar 6	Central Texas Contest Group. 14.250, 14.050, 7.240, 7.040 Siege days at the Alamo www.ctdxcc.org



AARA

2011 BIRTHDAYS

2/3	JIM	N5NVP
2/4	WESTON	KB5WI
2/14	TIM	N5RKK
2/16	GLENN	KD5NVC
2/17	MITCHELL	KB5TWL
2/24	KATHY	KD5TJZ
3/3	ED	KC5MMG

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

January 2011 VE Test Results

January 6, 2011 VE Test Session Results

George B. Donaldson of Abbeville, LA passed his General and received the call KF5JLC.

Dane L. DeValcourt of Lafayette, LA passed his Technician and received the call KF5JKZ.

Ryan T. Blossom of Lafayette, LA passed his General and received the call KF5JLA.

Jason D. Campo of Denham Springs, LA passed his General and received the call KF5JLB.

VE's present for this test session were:

Greg Dolan - K5LFT
Danny Griffith - K5ARH
John Cuniff - W4JHC
Archie Hill - W5AG
Roland Guidry - NA5Q
Mitch Romero - KB5TWL

Refer to the February issue of QST (page 93) for additional information and more listings of contests and special events Stations.

January 2011 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	5	31	2	90	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	5	40	Ø	70	KF5ENE Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	5	25	Ø	70	N5LRZ Ray
HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest)	2	* M 6 / G 5	Ø	14	KE5KJD Larry

Doubt thou the stars are fire; Doubt that the sun doth move; Doubt truth to be a liar; But never doubt I love.
William Shakespeare



Jim AI5B, Herman KN5GRK, Dave K1ZZ



Mickey K5MC, Herman KN5GRK, Jim AI5B

ARRL Louisiana Section "Ham of the Year 2010"

On Saturday January 8, 2011, I attended the ARRL Delta Division Convention SELARC 30th Anniversary Hammond HamFest in Hammond, Louisiana where I officially received my ARRL Louisiana Section "Ham of the Year 2010" award.

I was introduced to Dave Sumner K1ZZ ARRL Chief Executive Officer by Jim Coleman AI5B.

We had a nice visit and it was a pleasure to meet Dave. I am sorry that I could not stay for the ARRL Forum at 11:00 am, but the guys I came with had made plans to go to Middendorf's Restaurant in Manchac, LA. I have heard them talk about this place and very much wanted to see for myself if it was true, it was everything they had said and more, the food was GREAT!

I want to thank every one that put in the word for me to receive the following award.

Herman KN5GRK

"Making Music"

Nathan Stelly, KD5IQW, was selected out of 2 million people to perform his music for a leading producer, William Smith recently. Nathan stated "I will be there with Ronnie Milsap". Hope Nathan got to meet him!

Catch up with Nathan at the upcoming hamfest and congratulate him on his efforts.

NEW AARA MEMBERS

The AARA would like to welcome the following new club members.

NAME:	CALL:
Ken Goss	KI5HQ
Terry Reeves	KE5OTL
George Donaldson	KF5JLC
Lee Nelson	KX5JE

Dayton Hamfest Pilgrimage

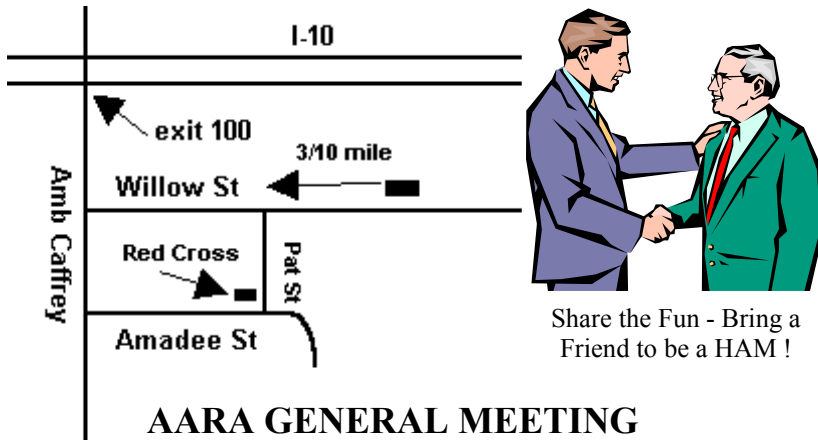
Hello AARA. We're planning the annual pilgrimage to Dayton Hamvention. Its May 20-22, we usually go up on Thursday and come back on Sunday. Anyone interested in joining us as a group, please let me know asap, because we'll be making room, flight and dinner reservations soon.
Charlie KI5XP

Club Elections

Know of anyone that you would like to see as an officer in the AARA? If so, talk to that person and if he/she is willing, nominate them at the February meeting. New officers will be installed at the March meeting after the Rayne Hamfest.

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, February 3rd, 2011 - 7:00 PM

VE Testing @ 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

Marble Cake

From: Better Homes and Gardens Cookbook

Submitted by: Abbi Wilson KF5BEW

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2 Cups of all purpose flour | 1 Cup milk |
| 1 1/2 Teaspoons baking powder | 1/3 Chocolate-flavored syrup |
| 1/2 Teaspoon baking soda | 1 Can of chocolate frosting |
| 3/4 Cup butter or margarine | (optional) |
| 1 1/4 Cups sugar | |
| 2 Teaspoons vanilla | |
| 2 Eggs | |

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Grease a 13x9x2 inch pan and set aside. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and 1/4 teaspoon of salt. Set aside.
2. In a mixing bowl, beat butter for 30 seconds. Add sugar and vanilla; beat until fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, blending well after each. Add dry mixture and milk alternately to beaten mixture, beating on low speed after each addition just till combined.
3. Transfer 1 1/2 cups of the batter into another bowl and stir in the chocolate-flavored syrup. Pour the light batter into the prepared pan. Then, gently pour chocolate batter atop the light batter, spreading evenly.
4. Swirl a butter knife through the two layers in various patterns to marble. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes, or until a wooden toothpick comes out clean. Top with chocolate frosting, or eat plain. Whichever to your liking.

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245